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The Honorable Claudia Balducci Chair, King County Council Room 1200 C O U R T H O U S E

## Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, would deny the vacation of King County's interest in a portion of Avondale Rd NE and NE Woodinville-Duvall Rd, containing an area of approximately 2,949 square feet located in the Woodinville area of unincorporated King County.

Adoption of the proposed Ordinance will deny the petition to convert this right-of-way to the private use and ownership of the petitioner, AnMarCo and Cottage Lake Retail, LLC. The findings in the attached County Road Engineer's Report for this road vacation show that the subject right-of-way remains useful as part of the County road system and contains infrastructure associated with Puget Sound Energy, Comcast, and King Count Metro Transit. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the County Road Engineer and the Director of Road Services that the vacation be denied.

The procedure for vacation of the subject portion of right-of-way is set forth in King County Code (KCC) section 14.40 and the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 36.87, which establishes the right of abutting property owners to petition a County legislative body for the vacation of road rights-of-way. KCC requires the County Council issue the final determination on all road vacation petitions.

Enactment of this proposed Ordinance aligns with the King County Strategic Plan objectives of delivering consistent, responsive, and equitable, high-quality services to residents, cities, and districts; exercising sound financial and risk management and building King County's long-term fiscal strength.

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After introduction of the proposed Ordinance and the establishment of a public hearing date by the Hearing Examiner, a notice of the public hearing is posted on-site of the road vacation. After the public hearing, the Hearing Examiner will prepare final recommendations to the King County Council. Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner will be heard by the Council per KCC 14.40.

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. If your staff have any questions, please contact Tricia Davis, Director of Road Services Division, at 206-263-9690.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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